



## **Durango Winter Sports Foundation Scholarship Application – Overview and Instructions**

A primary goal of the Durango Winter Sports Foundation is to provide youth in the community with the opportunity to train and compete in winter sports to the best of their ability. In furtherance of this goal, the Durango Winter Sports Foundation has a scholarship program to assist with tuition for the Alpine, Freeride, Freestyle, Snowboard and Nordic Ski Teams based on financial need. Scholarship assistance comes from grants, individual and corporate donations and fundraising events such as the Alpenglöw and Warren Miller Ski Movie.

### **Tuition Scholarship Program**

- Full or partial tuition scholarships may be awarded
- Returning athletes and new athletes are eligible
- All decisions to award scholarships are final and shall be made in the sole discretion of the Durango Winter Sports Foundation Scholarship Committee.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Applications are due and must be received by November 1st
- Scholarships are awarded by November 15th
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need and a desire to participate
- Consideration is given when there are multiple athletes from the same family
- Athlete/Parents must work off 100% of team work deposits when applicable (all teams may not charge work deposits) / demonstrate willingness to volunteer
- Thank you letters are required when a scholarship is awarded. Starting in 2016/2017, applications from athletes who were awarded scholarships in the prior year will not be considered if a thank you letter was not received.

### **Distribution of Funds**

- Scholarship funds are applied directly to the athlete's tuition
- A portion of scholarship funds may be retained for later disbursement to aid in travel expenses

### **Make Your Application Count!**

Be sure to fill out this application in its entirety. Applications missing information, including requested letters and family income information, may not be considered. Scholarships are primarily need-based, other factors such as past athlete and family volunteer work for the team and DWSF events, athletic achievement, potential, leadership, work ethics and character may also be considered.

The more specific you can be about your financial situation and/or need for financial aid, the quicker the scholarship committee will be able to evaluate your application. If you or your child have made efforts to save or earn money for tuition/travel/equipment, mention it in your write up. Your child's letter and/or parent letter should discuss his or her love of the sport, and how the applicant believes participation will help him/her to achieve his/her goals.

Limited funds are available. Scholarships are awarded in various amounts. Full tuition scholarships are rarely granted. Registering for the season before you have heard from the scholarship committee is not necessary nor does it increase the chances of receiving a scholarship.

**Send application:** By mail to: P. O. Box 4104 ,Durango, Colorado 81302; by email to: [finance@durangowintersports.org](mailto:finance@durangowintersports.org); or by fax to: (970)403-0998.



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### Scholarship Application

#### **Athlete Information:**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Program you are applying for:

Alpine / Freeride

Freestyle / Snowboard

Nordic

Name of program: \_\_\_\_\_ Published tuition / registration cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Years involved in this sport/team: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Other sports you are involved with: \_\_\_\_\_

Is Athlete contributing towards Tuition? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ -

Has athlete received scholarship funding from DWSF in years past? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

If a partial scholarship were awarded, how much can you afford to pay toward the program you are applying for? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If a scholarship is awarded, are the athlete or family members willing to volunteer for DWSF and/or ski team events? If so, how many hours can you commit to? \_\_\_\_\_ hours

#### **Family Information:**

Parent's Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2

Parent 2 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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Total Household Income (Gross): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (The scholarship committee may request income verification or additional information in support of your application). Applications lacking income information will not be considered.

Please explain why you need financial assistance (attach additional pages if needed). Share any unique financial hardships you have recently experienced (Loss of employment, medical challenges, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Statement from athlete:**

Please attach a letter or statement from the athlete applying for a scholarship. Athlete letters / statements are very helpful in evaluating applications. The letter /statement should include information on why the athlete wants to participate in the program he or she is applying for. **Please indicate whether we may share athlete statements with potential donors: Yes / No (circle one).**

**If your answer to the preceding question is no, may we share the athlete's statement but keep the name confidential? Yes / No (circle one).**

(Donors and potential donors are interested in "stories" of our athletes who receive or potentially receive financial support. The more information we have, the greater our fundraising potential and ability to help and support athletes. The most effective statements and letters come from the athletes, not their parents. We are looking for letters / statements from the heart, they do not have to be lengthy or carefully composed.)